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Gathering & Approaching God in Worship

Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer

Dr. Will Jones

Song

How Great Is Our God

Verse 1:

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty/ Let all the Earth rejoice/ All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light/ And darkness tries to hide/ And trembles at His voice/ Trembles at His voice

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me/ How great is our God, and all will see/ How great, how great is our God

Verse 2:

Age to age He stands/ And time is in His hands/ Beginning and the end/ The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son/ The Lion and the Lamb/ The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge:

Name above all names/ Worthy of our praise/ My heart will sing/ How great is our God
You're the name above all names/ You are worthy of our praise/ And my heart will sing
How great is our God

Song

Jesus I Believe

Verse 1:

I wanna walk with You Jesus/ Feel your presence/ And know You're near/ I wanna see You Jesus
Move in power/ And cast out fear

Chorus:

I need to hear You now/ I need to know it's You/ I'm standing on your promises/ I know your Word is true
You're bigger what I see/ It's You and in exchange for me/ 'Cause even the impossible can be reality
Jesus I believe/ Jesus I believe

Verse 2:

I wanna say what You're saying/ Speaking life to what is dead/ And I wanna cling to You Jesus
Uh, hanging on your every breath

Bridge:

So let your kingdom come/ And let your will be done/ Here on the earth/ Just like it is in heaven
God let your kingdom come/ And let your will be done/ Right here on earth/ Just like it is in heaven

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Lesson: Romans 4:18-25

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¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification

Sermon

Everlasting Covenant

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Dedicating Ourselves in Response to God

Verse 1:

My hope is built on nothing less/ Than Jesus blood and righteousness/ I dare not trust the sweetest friend
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Chorus:

Christ alone/ Cornerstone/ Weak made strong/ In the Saviour's love/ Through the storm
He is Lord/ Lord of all

Verse 2:

When darkness seems to hide His face/ I rest on His unchanging grace/ In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil/ My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3:

When He shall come with trumpet sound/ Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone/ Faultless stand before the throne

Offering & Prayers for the World (& Lord's Prayer, contemporary version)

Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Song

*Goodness of God*Verse 1:

I love You, Lord/ For Your mercy never fails me/ All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up/ Until I lay my head/ Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus:

And all my life You have been faithful/ And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able/ Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2:

I love Your voice/ You have led me through the fire/ In the darkest night/ You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father/ I've known You as a Friend/ And I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge:

'Cause Your goodness is running after/ It's running after me/ Your goodness is running after
It's running after me/ With my life laid down/ I'm surrendered now/ I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after/ It's running after me

Benediction and Blessing**WORSHIP ARTS TODAY**

Special thanks to the following for their participation in this service:

Vocalists: Julia Goff Karissa Walhof Britni McCullough John Johnson

Keyboardist: De'Merteiro Lee

Acoustic Guitar: David Oppel

Bass player: Nathan Spohn

Cajon: Jeff Williams

Sound: Ted Partin

On the cover: Dmitry Shkolnik, b. 1960. *Icon of Abraham, Sarah, and Moses*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Welcome to worship online and limited onsite with Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We know these are difficult days, and we are so glad you can join our service in the way you feel most comfortable. We are truly glad God brought you here!

Interested in joining GPC? *You are welcome here!* For more information on how to join, please contact Kathleen Boyd at 901-833-3413 or kkboyd@comcast.net.

GPC's pastors can always be reached in an emergency or crisis. Please call the church, 901-754-5195, and then press 1 to reach the on-call pastor.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 PLEDGE AND WOULD LIKE TO, GO ONLINE TO [GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG/2021-PLEDGE-COMMITMENT/](https://germantownpres.org/2021-pledge-commitment/) OR CONTACT THE FINANCE OFFICE AND SPEAK TO FRED OR DEBBI – 901-754-5195.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of February 28, 2021

Sign in to the online Friendship Pad [here](#) to indicate you attended the service, whether onsite or online, (and/or to ask the ministers any questions) and thank you for worshipping with us this Sunday.

As part of the Church Family Prayer Program, members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Vicki/Drew Arthur; Tommie Faye Coffman; John Goodyear; Alice/Jimmy Kiser; Dot Ledlow; Evelyn/Phil Mosley; April/Patrick Rice, Cat, John; Amy/Trey Thomas, Robbie.

In February, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:

Bethel Springs Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs TN

Purdy Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs TN

Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Big Sandy TN

***Note: Any text that is [blue](#) is an active link in the electronic version.
You can click on that to go to a webpage or send an email.***

GPC NEWS

Church members and friends beware: churches and members are often targeted for scams, especially during the holidays. Please be aware that **no staff member will ever email or text you asking for help or money.**

Did you know GPC has 2 video channels? We do! And make sure you subscribe! The more subscribers we have, the more we can post! If you missed any of the videos for any reason, you can catch them on either one of these channels.

> Check out the Vimeo channel [here](#)
> and the YouTube channel [here](#).

Help Needed with Worship Services: GPC is looking for volunteers who want to join an ongoing team that will form the core group who works with the audio-visual process of the livestream during Sunday morning and evening worship services. The people already participating will be happy to train you, and all you have to do is learn the user-friendly system. In addition, the volunteer will switch camera views during certain parts of the service for our

livestreaming. It's all very easy, and yet vitally important to our expanding Internet presence. Please consider volunteering, and if you are interested you can contact the church office at communications@germantownpres.org.

ADULTS & FAMILIES

NaCoMe is Germantown Presbyterian's annual family camp located in the tranquil valley of Pleasantville, TN. Due to the pandemic we are evaluating the congregation's commitment to participating in this weekend event. The weekend has been changed to April 30 - May 2 from the traditional 3rd weekend in May. Please also know that COVID-19 policies have been implemented by the NaCoMe Retreat Center. You'll be receiving an electronic survey through the weekly e-blast, and the Congregational Life Committee would love for you to respond by February 26 indicating your interest in attending this year's NaCoMe retreat. Thank you for participating in this survey as the results will determine if we move forward in planning NaCoMe 2021. If you have any questions or want more information or would like to speak to someone in person, please contact Susan Lipscomb (slipscomb6@gmail.com) or Laura Brown (lbrown88@gmail.com).

ADULTS

Women: Membership in Presbyterian Women (PW) is open to all women and strives to help develop the gifts and talents of all women in our church. It's a great way to meet the other women of the church and grow in your faith. Please consider joining in as we unite with other women of the church and commit to helping every woman develop into the person God intends her to be and grow spiritually through prayer, Bible study, and mission work, keeping our hearts open to God's call to action and involvement. Individual Bible Study Circles meet the first Tuesday of every month on Zoom for now with both morning and evening options. For more information please call Nancy Halter, Moderator, 901-454-3268 or Bonnie Algee, Vice Moderator, 901-674-2613.

Men: The men of GPC have resumed Zoom meetings for their Sunrise Men's Breakfast Friday mornings at 6:30am. If you'd like to be involved in that fellowship and Bible study, contact Drayton Mayers at draytonmayers@gmail.com. In addition, the men's lunch devotion group has resumed meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1pm via Zoom, so if you'd like to be plugged into that group, please contact Anthony Duke at anthony.duke@ipaper.com.

Sunday morning adult class limited onsite and online for parents with children in Sunday School: Coffee and Conversations is a hybrid online/limited onsite class that meets from 10:45-11:45am in the blue Noah's ark room in the elementary hallway downstairs following worship. Join this class any Sunday as Pastor Will leads this group in exploring what it really means to be a disciple of Christ, to revive our call to serve as Christ's disciples, to enhance the ways we call others to discipleship, and simply to enjoy life together in the body of Christ. For Zoom info, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White [here](#).

SPECIAL NEEDS

**It is a PEACE-filled 2021 at Germantown Presbyterian Church!
Appreciating others allows us to experience PEACE!!!**

Volunteers, we appreciate you! Thank you to all our volunteers. **Volunteers are vital to our programs' success!** Thank you for your outstanding contributions of time and talents! Thank you for your abundant, unconditional love! Thank you – you nurture others' souls because you care so deeply!

We appreciate everyone engaging in PEACE programs, whether volunteer or participant!

Sundays: Join us for Adult's Sunday School, 10:35 – 11:30 A.M. in the Parlor. Join our Children's Sunday School, 10:30 – 11:45 A.M. downstairs; PEACE meets in the Yellow Room. We look forward to more participants, because the more, the merrier. ☺

Wednesdays: Join our Friendship Circle, 12:15 – 2:30 P.M. in Warren Hall, a lunchtime fellowship that is also shared on Zoom. Friendship Circle includes a Scripture-based lesson and healthy activity (Yoga, arts & crafts, service-focused tasks, and games). **Participants, we thank you for how respectful and responsible you have been to reserve**

seating for in-person attendance, allowing us to maintain safe local limits. **Thank you for doing such a good job of letting us know when you are coming!** It is always nice to see you, here or on Zoom!

Thursdays: Join us and make a joyous sound in AMPlify, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. in the Noah's Ark Room. Noel Wilkins leads us and brings out the God-given talent in us all – even if we didn't believe we had musical talent beforehand! He'll surely have us ready for our upcoming musical performance, Thursday, May 20th!

You can continue to view AMPlify's special **Christmas performance**, on Youtube.

How to join: Register to join Friendship Circle or AMPlify on the Germantown Presbyterian Church website. Locate the Special Needs – PEACE section under Ministries. Click on the picture of Friendship Circle or AMPlify, and you will be taken to the right place to sign up. Or email **specialneeds@germantownpres.org**. Or call 901-754-5195 and ask for Jackie.

How to volunteer: Email **specialneeds@germantownpres.org** or call 901-754-5195 and ask for Jackie.

We thank you for your interest and look forward to helping you engage in our PEACEful fun!

SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

GPC's Breathe/ Parent's Night Out (PNO): Do not despair! We are having talks about the Breathe/Parent's Night Out program and wish to bring it back as much as you'd love to see it restored! It is also our desire to have this program in full swing, and we sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding!

CHILDREN

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Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for upcoming children's events. If you would like to be on the Children's Ministry email list, please contact Family Ministry Director Anna White at **children@germantownpres.org**.

YOUTH

Youth Sunday School and Sunday afternoon fellowships are meeting and in full swing with Christopher. This Sunday youth are kicking off a new season with **VIBES!** Doors will open at 4:00pm, and we start to meet in fellowship at 4:30pm. We will eat some dinner at 6:00pm, and pickup will be at 6:30pm.

Food truck coming - **PLEASE PACK \$5**

We are asking all students to bring \$5 because we will be inviting the Fry Guy to come for our evening meal! This will cover a portion of dinner, and the rest will be covered by GPC Youth. Don't miss a fun opportunity for a new food experience!

Calling all Larry Birds and Magic Johnsons! We are searching for adults to come and play games or spend time with students from 4:00pm to 4:45pm on Sundays. Games would include basketball, 9-Square, gaga, and more. (You can also just chat.) If you're ready to rise to the Majors, email **Christopher Greco**.

If you would like to be on the Youth Ministry email list, please email **youth@germantownpres.org**.

MISSIONS

In case you missed it. (ICYMI)

Resources to help the homeless: There are some terrific ways to help the homeless in the Germantown/Memphis area. If you want to help, please donate and/or give out the numbers listed here:

1. Hospitality Hub - 901-522-1808 info@hospitalityhub.org
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329 innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 jseacat@mifa.org

Remember – don't give out anyone's personal number!

Room in the Inn (RITI) Memphis is always looking for volunteers, and donations are always welcome. You can drop off various toiletries in the bin in the Activity Center labelled RITI.

UKirk Memphis is a ministry serving the campuses of Rhodes College, the University of Memphis, and beyond. UKirk is a nationwide campus ministry affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in partnership with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We seek to reach, love, and teach college students to be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. In the season of COVID-19, we have pivoted from our normal in-person events to holding our weekly gatherings online for a time of fellowship, conversation, and prayer. We are holding some small socially distant gatherings outdoors, along with providing opportunities for one-on-one conversation with the campus minister. We have also sent care packages to our students as tangible reminders that they are loved! Although we are doing ministry differently this year, its importance in the spiritual lives of our students has not waived, nor has our need for support from congregations and individuals.

We ask for your prayers for our students as they navigate life in this time. And if you feel called to donate financially, you can do so online at www.ukirkmemphis.com under the "Support Us" tab. There you can also sign up for our quarterly newsletter. If you would rather write a check, you can make it out to the Presbytery of the Mid-South with UKirk in the memo line and send to the Presbytery office at 449 Patterson St. Memphis, TN 38111. UKirk Memphis sends a big thank you to Germantown Presbyterian Church for their continued support of our ministry!

Questions? Contact Rev. Elizabeth Doolin, the UKirk Campus Minister, at ukirk-memphis@gmail.com.

Follow us on social media! On Instagram and Twitter @ UkirkMemphis, and Facebook @ UKirkatMemphis

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GPC Prayer Ministry - These times are filled with anxiety and unrest. We as a church want to pray for all our members. There are several ways to request prayer. The website has a prayer request link toward the bottom of the homepage page with praying hands graphic. We also have replenished the pew prayer cards. Just fill them out and put them in the offering plate. Another way is the email that church member Margaret Owens oversees. The address is margaretowens1@aol.com. Or you can also send a prayer request to the pastors at prayers@germantownpres.org. The pastors also pray over all confidential prayer requests. This is a great way for us to get renewed strength during these uncertain times.

GPC offers a Grief Support Ministry. The Grief Support Group isn't meeting together currently, but if you or someone you know needs to talk to someone, note your options below. Contact the church office (901-754-5195) or Stephanie Wall, Certified Grief Counselor, American Academy of Grief Counseling and Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, Grief Recovery Institute (901-494-7786) or Beth Brock (901-355-0262) or Linda Oakes (901-237-6566).

GPC family: please be assured that GPCKids, PEACE the Special Needs Ministry, and GPC Youth all follow the CDC/WHO COVID-19 guidelines to ensure the safety of our participants and our leaders as we resume meeting onsite.

If you're reading this digitally, you can click [here](#) to read the updated policies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White at family@germantownpres.org.

GIVING

Even if you're not here physically, you can give to support the ministries of GPC during this time. For more information please call Fred Turverey in the church office at 901-754-5195.



Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 901-295-0202.



Download the “GivePlus Church” app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!



**Mail checks to:
2363 S Germantown Rd
Germantown TN 38138.**



Visit germantownpres.org/giving or scan the QR code on the left to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.